

ered thousand population. There were eight towns with populations varying from five thousand to ten thousand, and fourteen towns with a population

variation in living costs appeared among the larger cities of from five thousand to ten thousand population. There was a difference of \$400 a year in the cost of living in the larger towns and less than \$100 a year in the cost between the most expensive and least expensive of

**HERE'S WHAT \$5 BILL
WILL DO IN MOSCOW**
New Taxes Decried for City

Moscow, Nov. 28.—The Moscow City Soviet (corresponding to an American city council) has decided that the city should be self-supporting and has published a list of the various taxes and revenue purposes. Among them are:

Per marriage applications, 15,000 rubles; divorce applications, 20,000 rubles; change of name, 100,000 rubles; change of residence, 100,000 rubles; 100 rubles; application for foreign citizenship, 100,000 rubles; permission to change residence, 1,000 rubles; tax on concerts or lectures maintaining buffet, 100,000 rubles; tax on rubber stamped by business firms, 100,000 rubles.

As the official exchange rate, on the day these taxes were decreed, was 100,000 rubles to the dollar, an American in Moscow, armed with a \$5 bill, could pay for anything he wanted. He could, of course, change his residence a few times, lecture on his honeymoon experiences,

The Russian Central Executive Committee has ordered the Commissariat of Finance to arrange, within a fortnight, a budget showing the revenue obtained from taxation throughout Russia, together with a statement of the loss incurred from printing paper money.

MARSEILLES, Nov. 28.—Marshal Joffre, who is on his way to visit Japan, will also make an extended tour of the countries bordering the Pacific Ocean, including Indo-China, Siam and China. He has been intrusted by the French Government with the task of carrying to the Emperor of the Japanese Empire the Eastern States that participated in the victory of the Allies the salute of gratefulness of France. At Singapore he will board the cruiser Montcalm, flagship of the French Far East squadron.

At Saigon the Marshal will visit the French possession of Indo-China for a few days as the guest of the Governor-

General of the colony. He will arrive at Bangkok about Dec. 20 and be received by the King of Siam, which country was one of the allied Powers during the war. After visiting the States of Cambodia and Tonkin, Joffre, on the 30th inst., accompanied by several destroyers, will proceed directly to Yokohama, where he expects to arrive about Jan. 25. His exploits in Japan will last about a month, after which he will visit Peking, travelling by way of Seoul and Mukden. The present plans for the return trip are for the Marshal to reach France by way of Honolulu, San Francisco and

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